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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed April 24, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

E1 As shown in FIG. 3, the operation of an implementation of the state history feature may be seen to begin when a user enters a command (step 302). A command is a request made by the user to the application, through a graphical user interface, for example, to change the state of the application or the state of the active document. The application performs the corresponding action (step 304, which will be elaborated in reference to FIG. 4). If the action is one categorized as not affecting the state of a document (the no branch of decision step 306), the state history and history list are unaffected. Otherwise, if the action of the command was performed with the document in the state of the temporally most recent entry in the history list, which corresponds to the temporally most recent state in the state history, the state of the document after the action is stored in the state history and the history list on the history palette is updated (the yes branch of step 308, and steps 312, 314, and 320). On the no branch of step 308, if non-linear history mode is in effect, nothing is discarded from the history list or the state history merely because an

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